

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 12 has been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-14 are pending and under consideration, claim 12 is rejected, and claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13 and 14 are allowed. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101 and EXAMINER'S RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS:

In the Office Action, at page 2-3, numbered paragraphs 2 and 3, claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being drawn to a non-tangible computer-readable medium. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 12 has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions and is submitted to be drawn to statutory subject matter and to be in allowable form under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Reconsideration and allowance of amended claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

ALLOWED CLAIMS:

In the Office Action, at pages 3-4, claims 1, 2, and 4-14 were allowed. It appears that the Examiner meant to recite, in accordance with the Office Action Summary, that claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13 and 14 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful review and allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13 and 14.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW:

On December 13, 2007, Applicants' attorney Darleen J. Stockley and Examiner Parul H. Gupta held an Interview discussing whether the December 6, 2007 Office Action was a non-final Office Action as recited in the Office Action Summary or a final Office Action as recited on page 4 of the Office Action. Examiner Gupta stated that the December 6, 2007 was a non-final Office Action and that the statement on page 4 of the Office Action was in error.

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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